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SUBJECT: ISRAELI LETTER TO SYG PROTESTING KIRYAT

SHMONA TERRORIST INCIDENT

1. ISRAELI PERREP TEKOA H HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON  
APRIL 11 IN WHICH HE READ TEXT OF LETTER TO SYG, DRAWING  
ATTENTION TO "BARBARIC ATROCITY" COMMITTED BY ARAB  
TERRORIST SQUAD EARLIER APRIL 11 IN VILLAGE OF KIRYAT  
SHMONA. AFTER GIVING FACTS OF INCIDENT, LETTER NOTES  
THAT POPULAR FRONT- GENERAL COMMAND ISSUED STATEMENT  
IN BEIRUT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SLAUGHTER. LETTER  
GOES ON TO CRITICIZE SOME GOVERNMENTS' INDULGENCE TOWARD  
ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, "ALL OF WHICH ARE  
AFFILIATED TO THE SO-CALLED PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION". IT FURTHER STATES THAT ARAB TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING POPULA FRONT - GENERAL COMMAND,  
ENJOY FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND OPERATION IN LEBANON, AND  
THAT LEBANESE GOVT "MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS  
SITUATION ....."

2. ANSWERING QUESTIONS AFTER HE READ LETTER, TEKOA H

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SAID ISRAEL DID NOT PLAN TO REQUEST SC MEETING SINCE

SOVIET AND CHINESE VETO MADE THAT USELESS. ASKED IF ISRAEL PLANNED RETRIBUTION, TEKOAH DUCKED DIRECT REPLY IN FOLLOWING WORDS: "AS YOU KNOW, ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS SEEN TO IT THAT, TO ITS BEST ABILITY, ITS CITIZENS AND TERRITORY ARE PROTECTED."

3. ISRAELI MISSION HAS GIVEN US FULL TEXT OF LETTER TO SYG, TRANSMITTED IN FOLLOWING PARA.

4. QUOTEEXCELLENCY,

ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT I WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE BARBARIC ATROCITY COMMITTED TODAY, 11 APRIL 1974, BY AN ARAB TERRORIST SQUAD AGAINST INNOCENT INHABITANTS OF A PEACEFUL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL.

EARLY THIS MORNING A GROUP OF TERRORISTS CROSSED THE ISRAEL-LEBANESE FRONTIER, SEIZED AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE TOWNLET OF KIRYAT SHMONA, SITUATED IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF THE BORDER, MASSACRED 18 OF ITS INHABITANTS INCLUDING EIGHT CHILDREN AND FIVE WOMEN, AND WOUNDED 15 OTHER PERSONS. IN BESTIAL BLOODTHIRST THE MURDERERS HURLED CHILDREN TO THEIR DEATH FROM WINDOWS IN THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE MURDER SQUAD MADE ITS WAY INTO THE TOWN'S SCHOOL-BUILDING, BUT FINDING IT EMPTY DUE TO THE PASSOVER VACATION, ATTACKED THE APARTMENT BUILDING. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN BEIRUT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE POPULAR FRONT- GENERAL COMMAND ANNOUNCED ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SAVAGE SLAUGHTER. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ON 22 MAY 1970 MEMBERS OF THE SAME ORGANIZATION AMBUSHED A SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLING NEAR THE LEBANESE BORDER IN THE AREA OF AVIVIM, KILLING SEVEN CHILDREN, TWO TEACHERS AND THE BUS DRIVER, AND WOUNDING 23 CHILDREN. THEN, AS TODAY, THE TERRORISTS HAD COME FROM LEBANON.

IN ITS INHUMANITY THIS MORNING'S CRIME IS OF THE SAME HORRENDOUS NATURE AS THE LOD AIRPORT MASSACRE ON 30 MAY 1972 IN WHICH 26 PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY AGENTS OF AN ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE MURDER OF 11 ISRAELI ATHLETES DURING THE MUNICH OLYMPIC GAMES ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1972, AND THE SANGUINARY ATTACKS AGAINST CIVIL AIRCRAFT AND THEIR PASSENGERS. THE SAVAGE CARNAGE AT KIRYAT SHMONA IS A REMINDER OF THE KNOWN OBJECTIVES AND METHODS OF THE PALESTINIAN TERROR GROUPINGS AND THEIR BACKERS. IT DEMONSTRATES THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH ABOUT ISRAEL'S STRUGGLE WHICH REMAINS A STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF JEWISH MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AS A WHOLE. IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT ARAB STATES CONTINUE TO HARBOUR THE TERROR ORGANIZATIONS AND TO SUPPORT THEM POLITICALLY, MILITARILY AND FINANCIALLY. CERTAIN OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISPLAYED AN ATTITUDE OF CALLOUS INDULGENCE TOWARD THE ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE

AFFILIATED TO THE SO-CALLED PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.  
THE RELEASE OF MOST OF THE ARAB TERRORISTS DETAINED BY  
VARIOUS COUNTRIES AFTER MURDEROUS ATTACKS AGAINST INNOCENT  
CIVILIANS, THE PERMISSION GRANTED TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION TO MAINTAIN OFFICES IN A NUMBER OF CITIES OUTSIDE  
THE MIDDLE EAST, THE INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO ITS LEADERS TO  
VISIT VARIOUS CAPITALS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCES AND CEREMONIES, THE FAILURE IN THE UNITED NATIONS  
TO TAKE FIRM AND CONCRETE MEASURES AGAINST THIS SCOURGE, HAVE  
ALL ENCOURAGED AND GIVEN SUCCOUR TO THESE ASSASSINS.  
IN LEBANON, THE ARAB TERROR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
POPULAR FRONT -GENERAL COMMAND, ENJOY FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT  
AND OPERATION. THEY MAINTAIN THERE THEIR HEADQUARTERS, TRAINING  
CAMPS AND BASES, PUBLISH NEWSPAPERS, ISSUE COMMUNIQUE AND  
DECLARATIONS. THEIR LEADERS ARE FREE TO COME AND GO, TO APPEAR  
IN PUBLIC AND TO CARRY ON THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WITHOUT  
ANY HINDRANCE.  
THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THIS SITUATION WHICH PERMITS TERROR ATTACKS TO BE INITIATED  
AND CARRIED OUT FROM ITS TERRITORY AGAINST ISRAEL.  
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE CIRCULATED  
AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL.  
PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOSEF TEKOAH  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
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